REQUEST Application Number 10/574.490 FOR Confirmation Number 9115 CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) November 2, 2006 Filing Date TRANSMITTAL First Named Inventor Naohiro YAMADA MAIL STOP RCE 3677 Group Art Unit Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Robert John Sandy Examiner Name Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 O93920 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, Matter Number provides for continued examination of an utility or Title BUCKLE DEVICE plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. Previously submitted i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. 🗆 Other b. Enclosed i. Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. ☑ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) iv. □ Petition for Extension of Time v. Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months b. Other 3. FEES The statutory fee of \$\$10.00 is being charged to Deposit Account no. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373 CUSTOMER NUMBER SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY Registration No. 25,426 Name Alan J. Kasper